UNITED NATIONS

TD

United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

Distr.
GENERAL

TD/B/COM.3/EM.3/1
24 June 1997

Original : ENGLISH

TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD
Commission on Enterprise, Business Facilitation and Development
Expert Meeting on Telecommunications, Business Facilitation and Trade Efficiency
Geneva, 8 - 10 September 1997
Item 2 of the provisional agenda

PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND ANNOTATIONS

I. Provisional agenda

1. Election of officers
2. Adoption of the agenda
3. Telecommunications, business facilitation and trade efficiency
4. Adoption of the report.

GE.97-51195

II. Annotations to the provisional agenda

Item 1 - Election of officers

It is recommended that the Expert Meeting elect a Chairman and a Vice-Chairman-cum-Rapporteur.

Item 2 - Adoption of the agenda

The provisional agenda for the Meeting is in section I above. The draft schedule of meetings for the three days is attached to this document.

Documentation

TD/B/COM.3/EM.3/1	Provisional agenda and annotations

Item 3 - Telecommunications, business facilitation and trade efficiency

3. The experts will address the issue of "Telecommunications, business facilitation and trade efficiency - some major implications of the Global Information Infrastructure (GII) on trade and development", for which a background paper (TD/B/COM.3/EM.3/2) has been prepared by the UNCTAD secretariat. It is expected that discussions will focus on assessing the major ways in which recent advances in telecommunications have affected the potential participation of smaller players (such as developing countries and small and medium-sized enterprises) in international trade. Particular attention will be given to available experiences in the area of electronic commerce, with special focus on the Internet and the experience of the Global Trade Point Network. Advantage will be taken of the "Telecom Interactive" meetings organized by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) from 8 to 14 September, in order to familiarise participating experts with the latest developments and strategies in the area of interactive telecommunications and their applications to business facilitation and trade efficiency.

Documentation

TD/B/COM.3/EM.3/2	Telecommunications, business facilitation and trade efficiency: Some major implications of the Global Information Infrastructure (GII) on trade and development - Prepared by UNCTAD secretariat

Item 4 - Adoption of the report

The Expert Meeting will adopt its recommendations and conclusions at the end of the Meeting. The final report will be compiled under the authority of the Chairman after the conclusion of the Meeting.

Draft schedule of meetings

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3
AM Plenary: Director opening Elections/agenda Informals: Substantive item 3	AM Informals (cont'd): Substantive item 3	AM Informals (cont'd): Consideration of draft text (recommendations)
PM Informals (cont'd): Substantive item 3	PM Informals (cont'd): Substantive item 3	PM Informals (cont'd): Consideration of draft text (recommendations) (cont'd) Plenary (closing) Adoption of the report